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#### TSC Mission and Vision

- Mission: As directed by the Secretary of Defense, USNORTHCOM conducts security cooperation activities with The Bahamas, Canada, and Mexico to build Partner Nation capacity to defeat transnational threats and prevent new threats from emerging
- <u>Vision</u>: Establish a comprehensive continental security architecture where the United States, The Bahamas, Canada, and Mexico work as close partners in deterring, preventing, and if necessary, defeating mutual threats

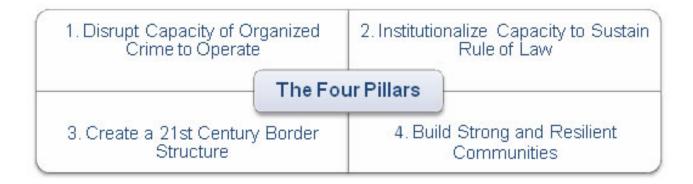


## Dept of State/Dept of Defense Linkage

#### Merida Initiative

 In October 2007, the U.S. government announced the Merida Initiative, a 3-year program to provide funding for a wide-range of drug interdiction, prevention and intervention activities throughout Mexico, Central America and selected Caribbean countries.

## Dept of Defense is in a Supporting Role





## Disrupt Capacity of Organized Crime to Operate

- U.S. Assistance to Refurbish Mexican Air Force (FAM)
   C-26 Aircraft:
  - USNORTHCOM is helping SEDENA/FAM refurbish four of their C-26 counternarcotics surveillance aircraft. The first aircraft is undergoing refurbishment and the estimated timeline for all aircraft to be airworthy is Dec 12.
- North American Maritime Security Initiative (NAMSI)
  - Tactical level exercises semi-annually
  - Information sharing and coordination
  - Quarterly working groups to develop protocols/procedures



#### Institutionalize Capacity to Sustain Rule of Law

- Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (WHINSEC)
  - Provides an effective mechanism to build relationships with militaries throughout the hemisphere and to provide a positive influence for human rights and rule of law
- Defense Institute of International Legal Studies (DIILS)
  - DoD agency that supports U.S. foreign policy and security policy with training and education focused on rule of law, human rights, international humanitarian law, and the law of armed conflict



## Create a 21st Century Border Structure

- Cross-Border Communications Systems for Mexican Police
  - A Cross-Border Communications System has been installed at six of the ten locations (Ciudad Juarez, San Fernando, Mexicali, Agua Prieta, San Luis Rio Colorado, Tijuana). The four remaining locations will be completed in FY12
- MEX/GTM/BLZ Border Security Workshops
  - Involve USNORTHCOM, USSOUTHCOM, Canada Command, SEDENA, SEMAR, Guatemalan Armed Forces, and Belize Defence Force as participants



### **Build Strong and Resilient Communities**

- Establish Personal Relationships between military leaders
  - USNORTHCOM Principals with SEDENA/SEMAR counterparts
  - USNORTHCOM engagement with U.S. Country Team
- USNORTHCOM Surgeon General (SG)
  - Conferences/Seminars
  - Disaster Response training
- USNORTHCOM Humanitarian Assistance Program
  - Training first responders for disasters



#### Keys to success

- Synchronizing US Government resources and Partner Nation requirements
- Continuing to build mil-to-mil relationships between the United States and the Partner Nation
- Coordinating with Partner Nation militaries to complement and build partner capacity
- Continuing to develop and finalize agreements (e.g. protections and immunities, information sharing, cross border communications)



"If we are together nothing is impossible. If we are divided all will fail." - Winston Churchill